

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BUDAPE 01222 150922Z

15

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PM-04 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15 SAJ-01 CIAE-00

DODE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 PA-01 PRS-01 /049 W

----- 075907

P R 150832Z APR 76

FM AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5795

INFO USIA WASH DC

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BUDAPEST 1222

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SOPN, PFOR, HU

SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN PRESS COMMENT ON SECRETARY KISSINGER

REF: STATE 087578 (NOTAL)

1. PAO CALLED ON MAGYAR HIRLAP EDITOR-IN-CHIEF ISTVAN DARVASI, AND FOLLOWING GUIDELINES ISSUED REFTTEL DELIVERED ENERGETIC REFUTATION OF STATEMENTS AND ALLEGATIONS WHICH APPEARED IN APRIL 9 MAGYAR HIRLAP ARTICLE.

2. DACHI STRESSED THAT PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY HAVE MADE IT COMPLETELY CLEAR ON SEVERAL RECENT OCCASIONS IN ON-THE-RECORD STATEMENTS THAT THERE IS NO CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY TOWARD EASTERN EUROPE. HE FURTHER EMPHASIZED THAT WHILE U.S. FIRMLY BELIEVES IN FREEDOM OF PRESS AND FREEDOM TO CRITICIZE U.S. POLICIES, PERSONAL ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. LEADERS AND GROSS DISTORTIONS OF U.S. POSITIONS APPEARING IN A SEMI-OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT PAPER ARE HIGHLY DETRIMENTAL TO ATMOSPHERE OF IMPROVED RELATIONS WHICH BOTH GOVERNMENTS SEEK.

3. DARVASI TOOK NOTE OF DACHI'S REMARKS AND TOOK A DEFENSIVE APPROACH PROTECTING HIS JOURNALIST IN A LOYAL, BUREAUCRATIC MANNER. HE SAID FURTHER THAT HUNGARIANS ARE EXTREMELY SENSITIVE TO ALLEGATIONS THAT

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BUDAPE 01222 150922Z

THEY ARE DOMINATED BY MOSCOW WHEN THE REALITY IN FACT

IS THAT THEIR POSITIONS COINCIDE, BASED ON FREELY
ARRIVED AT IDEOLOGICAL CONVICTION. HE SAID THE SUBJECT
OF DOMINATION IS ONE WHICH IS PRONE TO CALL FORTH AN
EMOTIONAL REACTION.

4. DARVASI THANKED PAO FOR REITERATING THAT U.S. POLICY
TOWARD EASTERN EUROPE HAS NOT CHANGED AND SAID IT WAS REASSURING
TO KNOW THAT THE U.S. CARED ENOUGH ABOUT RELATIONS WITH
HUNGARY TO DEEM IT WORTHWHILE TO REPLY TO THE CONCERNS
VOICED IN THE ARTICLE. HE WOULD NOT ADMIT, HOWEVER, VALIDITY OF
DACHI'S ASSERTION THAT THE TONE OF THE ARTICLE
WAS MORE APPROPRIATE FOR THE 1960'S THAN THE 1970'S.
MUDD

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, FOREIGN RELATIONS, ALLEGATIONS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 APR 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: MartinML
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976BUDAPE01222
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760142-1070
From: BUDAPEST
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760459/aaaabxvt.tel
Line Count: 74
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 STATE 87578
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: MartinML
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 APR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <29 APR 2004 by SmithRJ>; APPROVED <18 AUG 2004 by MartinML>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: HUNGARIAN PRESS COMMENT ON SECRETARY KISSINGER
TAGS: SOPN, PFOR, HU, US, XH, (KISSINGER, HENRY A)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006